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SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1904.

No Ground for Fight.

The erection o the county isolation hospital on property purchased by the Board of Freeholders in Belleville is regarded as a settled fact. Legal counsel retained by the objecting property-owners have advised their clients that a successful fight could not be made. The position of counsel is this: There is no doubt that the Legislature is perfectly competent to authorize counties to secure sites for isolation hospitals within their several boundaries and to erect the buildings, and there is no doubt that the Legislature has created such authorization by the act of 1902. Unless there were some special objection, which could not be used against any site in general, there could be no remedy in a court of equity, and no other court can interfere in any event. If it were planned to erect a hospital for the treatment of patients afflicted with contagious or infectious diseases in a thickly settled spot, it might be urged that the scheme would be a menace to public health. The law, however, provides that no such building may be erected within 250 feet of a public highway or within 250 feet of the nearest dwelling, and the plans of the Board of Freeholders do not contemplate violation of these requirements. The question whether 250 feet is a sufficient distance to insure against the wafting of germs from an infected patient to a healthy individual might be raised, except that it is conceded that an unlimitbd number of creditable experts could be found to swear that it is an ample allowance.

A Flower Puzzle.

Albert Loppacker, the Glenwood avenue automobile and bicycle repairer and general machinist, devotes his spare moments to the culture of flowers. Like all men with a hobby, Mr. Loppacker sometimes lets his interest in his pet plants take precedence of everything else. When the great flood of last October threatened to sweep his shop and his house away, Mr. Loppacker instead of giving his first concern to the saving of his shop fixtures and house furniture and of getting his wife and children to a place of safety, exposed himself to the danger of drowning in his efforts to save what looked like an extraordinary large turnip of the homeliest type from damage by the flood. The object of Mr. Loppacker's solicitude, however, was not a turnip, but a floral curio of marvellous appearance and growth, and is now an object of great curiosity and study to the many people who have viewed it during the past week. The plant is a puzzle to all local flower growers, none of whom have as yet been able to name it. Some have declared it to be a species of lilly; others pronounce it a wonderful and highly developed specimen of *Seganku mephitis mephitic. Brassica oleracea.*

Postmaster Indignant.

Postmaster Jeraldo Majoran of Silver Lake, is indignant over the report spread that residents of that section were obliged to go to the Belleville postoffice for their mail, owing to a case of membraneous croup in the family of the postmaster of the former place. He declares that there is no truth in the report and he adds that if there are any further objections to the manner in which he handles the mail, he will abandon the postoffice and let the people of the section go to Bloomfield or Belleville for their letters as they did before the Silver Lake postoffice was established, mainly through his efforts.

Knights of Pythias Election.

Eureka Lodge, Knights of Pythias, at its annual meeting on Tuesday night, elected these officers: Chancellor Commander, James Crisp; Vice-Chancellor, Charles P. Svenson; Prelate, A. P. Campbell; Master of Work, William Raab; Master-at-Arms, Charles O. Johnson; Master of Finance, George S. Fornoff; Master of Exchequer, William Baldwin; Keeper of Records and Seal, Joseph Weden; Trustee, Mahlon Talmage; Inner Guard, Louis Lange; Outside Guard, J. Erling; Representative to the Grand Lodge, Joseph Weden; Alternate A. P. Campbell. They will be installed by District Deputy Arthur Allen next Tuesday night.

Order your half-shell oysters for New Year's dinner at Hopler's.—*Adrt.*

Was Ist Los Mit MacDonald.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: In your issue of the 26th inst. I noticed an article by E. M. MacDonald headed "Was Ist Los Mit Caldwell?"

Your correspondent seems to be credulous and imaginative to an extreme. Judging by his readiness to accept the statement of the New York *Press*, he is unlike the ancient Pharisee who strained at a gnat and swallowed a camel. Mr. MacDonald would swallow anything. He must be singularly obtuse, if after holding discourse with one of the members of the Ladies' Improvement Society, he imagines them capable of some of the horrible things he pictures in his article. Would advise that he meet a number of them, and though his affliction is serious, he will be cured. Caldwell's attempt to bar the bill board arouses his ire. And yet in view of the fact that the judiciary send people to Caldwell to reform them; physicians' patients to heal them, and thousands come to get close to nature and enjoy its beauty; and the trolley company will even desecrate the Sabbath rather than miss a trip to Caldwell, I ask wherein would the bill board add to its attraction. I think that if Mr. MacDonald would pay less attention to the actress in short skirts and let the "Gold Dust Twins" do his work and occasionally submit to the charms of cascarets he would gain a higher idea of art than that furnished by the short skirted actress, and would also escape the troublesome visions of the Sabbatarian past which rise before him and would be able to conjure a brighter picture for the future. Or can it be I am mistaken and he has followed "Sunny Jim" and been rejuvenated; has righted all the wrongs of Bloomfield and vicinity and is looking for new fields to conquer.

If so, why not work where the need is greater. Instead of battling for hot coffee and sandwiches at the end of the motorman's Sunday trip why not strive to give him and all workers one day in seven to enjoy family privileges.

Mr. MacDonald is always ready to quote Christ to support his wide-open Sabbath arguments, and yet in a number of his articles that I have seen there has never been anything but scorn for the clergy. Though every intelligent Christian, be he Protestant or Catholic, recognizes that no body of men have done more than the clergy to advance cause of Christ and His teachings.

Mr. MacDonald may live in a section where the bill board is the highest type of art accessible and is necessary to hide things that are more objectionable. But Caldwell reserves the right to choose between the crude art of the bill board and its offensive advertising, and the natural beauty with which she is so richly endowed. Caldwell is able to take care of herself and Mr. MacDonald may rest assured that her oppressed ones (if there are any) are worthy of the town, and it will be time enough for him to come over when the cry goes up for help.

JOHN ESPY.

Caldwell, N. J., December 30, 1903.

Altruism In Labor.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: One might be led to conclude from an article in a recent issue of the CITIZEN, headed "What next?" that liberty and everything relating to American institutions (including religion) must go to the dogs "if the radical theories that lie at the basis of all labor organizations are to have sway."

Before reading at a jump such a lamentable conclusion, let us inquire and answer plainly: (1) What are "the radical theories" upon which the organization of labor is based? Traced to a single root it is the right—the inalienable "right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,"—identically the same "theory" that Sam Adams and Patrick Henry—representing the labor element of their time—advanced and successfully maintained when a "union" of the thirteen colonies was organized to resist tyrannical encroachments upon liberty by George III. (2) What is the theory that lies at the basis of combined capital in the war that it at this day is enforcing upon the working classes everywhere? The "sacred" right of property, based upon fraud.

In a word organized labor stands for the rights of man, while organized capital stands for the rights of property.

This distinction is clear, it cannot be disputed, and let it not be covered up or confused! Not only was the American Revolution fought out to a finish at Yorktown upon this plain issue, but the civil war later was begun at Sumter and finished at Appomatox to establish either the inalienable rights of man or—the divine right of property in man. The industrial war that is now on between combined capital and organized labor is for the establishment of a Plutocracy, with slavery as its corner stone, or the maintenance of a government of, by and for the people.

Your evidently pious correspondent "Gabriel" will hardly be able to maintain that "the altruistic teachings of Jesus Christ" will prevail if Plutocracy succeeds in utterly putting to rout organized labor and stifling the spirit of Brotherhood-equality and god-like ambition, which emotions have begun to stir in the breast of even the most down trodden toiler under the free skies of enslaved America.

The labor organization, I am constrand to admit, is not infallible, but the principle at the bottom is infallible and unconquerable. Though it is a class organization and is forced to maintain for the time being, a wrong standard of equality, and to array class against class, this will ultimate in the extinction of classes when once the rights of the worker are obtained.

Lamennais long ago said: "Man without rights is the simple instrument of those who possess rights—their beast of burden." When intelligent labor organizes itself against assumed rights once considered "divine," upon the principle of a common brotherhood, then duty—altruistic duty and moral responsibility, inherent in man, are developed. Then sympathetic relations and ties of love, instead of hate and passion are fostered; then family life is defended and conserved, then true religion is made possible, while all of these under the sway of capitalism must give way and perish. With all its individual faults, short-comings and mistakes the labor organization, though in itself it aims no higher, is striving to establish not equitable, but more tolerable economic relations, purer moral conditions in the community and throughout the world, and this it is doing without the help of the church with its "time-honored creeds" in whose behalf "Gabriel" blows his trumpet with uncertain sound.

If the average member of a labor organization places loyalty to it upon a higher plane than "reverence for the church or for Christ," what does it signify? Plainly that the brotherhood in which he is affiliated has more of the spirit and power of the Galilean Teacher than the church "properly labelled" Christian, now seems to possess.

A WORKINGMAN.

New Amsterdam Theatre.

Klaw & Erlanger's production of "Mother Goose" is drawing remarkably large audiences to their beautiful new playhouse, the New Amsterdam Theatre. This spectacle is undoubtedly the most successful this firm has yet presented. Its record thus far in its run has shown even larger attendance than did "The Sleeping Beauty and the Beast," and "Mr. Blue Beard" in their first month. The public attention "Mother Goose" is attracting, is commensurate with its merit and importance.

The story of the piece is a most adroit mixture of the serious and the comic, the latter predominating, and of music and specialties, all presented with a quickness of action and dash and snap that keeps an audience keyed up to the highest pitch of interest. Laughter and exclamations of wonder are continuous throughout the performance of "Mother Goose." The company is the ablest that has ever been seen in a spectacular production. Seats may be secured for any performance in the next four weeks.

Skating and hockey are now the popular sports. For skates and hockey sticks go to Chas. W. Smith's, No. 25 Broad street.—*Adrt.*

Order your half shell oysters for New Year's dinner at Hopler's.—*Adrt.*

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bloomfield National Bank for the Election of Directors to serve during the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, January 12, 1904. Polls will be open from 3.30 P. M. to 4 P. M.

LEWIS K. DODD, Cashier.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J. December 11, 1903.

BLOOMFIELD TRUST CO.
NOTICE OF ELECTION.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company for the Election of Directors to serve during the ensuing year and for such other business as may be presented, will be held at its offices, No. 1 Broad Street, Bloomfield, N. J., on Tuesday, January 12, 1904, at twelve o'clock noon.

JOSEPH H. DODD, Secretary.

BLOOMFIELD, N. J., Dec. 29, 1903.

BLOOMFIELD TRUST COMPANY.

The regular half yearly interest dividend at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum payable on and after January 20, 1904, will be credited to all accounts in the special interest department entitled thereto under the By-Laws.

BLOOMFIELD SAVINGS INSTITUTION.

The managers of this institution have declared the usual half yearly interest dividend at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum, payable on and after January 20, 1904, on all deposits entitled thereto under the By Laws.

ESSEX COUNTY MUTUAL INS. CO.

The annual meeting of this company for the election of directors and for other business, will be held at its office, No. 7 Broad Street, Bloomfield, N. J., on Monday, January 11, 1904, between the hours of four and five o'clock P. M.

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The passing of a soul to the homeland at Christmas time always gives a peculiar tenderness to our thoughts, and grants a nearness to the Great Giver of spiritual blessings. There is often a gradual disappearance of a friend from our view. Sickness, care, depressing thought, causes the mortal to withdraw from the gaze of hurrying throngs, the business world and demands of society; and the man or woman ministered to by a few faithful ones solves in some quiet room the great earth problem, "Given self to find God." And God the Great Teacher comes in tenderness and love, and shows how patience and faith bring light to the seeing mortal.

Arthur Brown Davis was born and resided in Bloomfield all his life, except as his health demanded a change of climate. Outside of his school education he was a close student of German and music. For seven years he held the position of tenor singer in the First Presbyterian Church, and he belonged to several choral societies. In business he was connected for twelve years with the Westinghouse Air Brake Company of New York. He was public spirited. To the last he was interested in current events, showing himself a worthy follower of one of the earliest settlers of this town. During a forced stay in Liberty, N. Y., he always regretted his absence from his native place, and he returned to spend his last days among his people

The attention shown in gifts of song and love by interested friends was unlimited, and almost overpowering to his sensitive, retiring nature. We have a glimse of that nature in the expression of an intimate friend, who said he had never heard an unchaste word fall from the lips of Arthur Davis. At the end of a pure earthly life friends showed the fullest love and sympathy by bringing flowers, emblems of the beautiful land which is now his home.

Lower 'Phone Rates for the Oranges.

Radical reductions in telephone rates will be made throughout the Orange district, beginning with the new year. Hereafter the subscriber who, on a party line, has been limited to 500 messages a year at the rate of $30, will have unlimited service for calls in the Oranges. The company will also reduce the charge for a direct line to residences, which is now $75 a year, to $54. The charge for additional messages in excess of the 600 allowed by contract on a party line to business houses will also be cut in half. It is now ten cents, but after January 1 it will be five. The charges for out-of-town message will not be changed.

The New York and New Jersey Telephone Company should not overlook the fact that it has a franchise in this town, and any New Year gifts it has to distribute in the way of reduced rates will be appreciated here as well as in the Oranges.

Painful Accident.

Miss Gertrude Brown, daughter of William Brown of No. 263 Broad street, met with a serious accident on Monday afternoon while skating on Oakes's pond. Miss Brown fell and broke her right arm at the wrist.

Chas. M. Decker & Bros.

Orange, East Orange South Orange Montclair

Good Things in Cans.

WE call attention to the EXTRA QUALITY CALIFORNIA ASPARAGUS, which we have been selling for years at prices usually asked by most stores for an inferior article. We offer large, tender, natural flavor, white Asparagus, large cans, at 35c. Best grade green Asparagus, per can, 25c. Asparagus tips, white or green, per can, 25c. Reduction in price by the dozen or case.

SWEET CORN, sugar variety, very fine, full sized cans, small kernel, known as "baby corn," per can, 17c. Very choice table Corn, per can, 14c. Green Corn on the cob, a novelty and one that is sure to give satisfaction, large gallon cans, 50c.

OUR TOMATOES are positively the very finest grown, full size cans, solid packed, with fine flavored, red ripe stock, of the best varieties; put up under sanitary conditions; expressly for our trade, per can, 14c. Fine Tomatoes, per can, 12c. Extra choice Tomatoes, per can, 10c. All of the above at reduced prices by the dozen cans or case.

CANNED FRUITS are best here. We contract for the cream of the orchards of California, and when you buy fruit of Oakland Extra, Oak, or Standard Brands, you get satisfactory goods, preserved in heavy syrup, and also cleanly put up. Standard Brand, Egg and Green Gage Plums are 15c per can, and all other fruits in either brand are correspondingly low priced. If you order a dozen cans or a case, the prices are materially reduced.

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A Difficult Fire.

An alarm of fire from box No. 37 at 8.05 o'clock Thursday morning called out the firemen to a serious fire in the residence of Willis Pierson, in Berkeley Heights Park. There was a quick response on the part of the firemen to the alarm and careful work was done in extinguishing a difficult fire. Chief Higgins sent in the alarm and was quickly at the scene of the fire. The flames, which started in the cellar, had followed the furnace pipes and electric wires and spread in between the partition walls in the centre of the house. It was a difficult problem to locate the boundary of the flames. The damage to the building and furniture is estimated at $1,500.

Birthday Reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lawrence gave a reception Christmas day in honor of Mrs. Lawrence's birthday. Guests were present from New York, the Oranges and Glen Ridge, and Mrs. Lawrence received many handsome gifts. She is the daughter of former Postmaster and Mrs. Charles W. Powers.

Lecture on Switzerland.

The first of the series of eight free public lectures arranged for by the Board of Education, in accordance with a State law, will be given on Thursday evening, January 7, in Central Hall, when William Torrence Stuchell will give an illustrated lecture on Switzerland.

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Bloomfield, N. J.

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NEW ACCOUNTS RECEIVED

Interest Dividends Declared Jan. 1st and July 1st.